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**GENTLEMEN:**

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It is a real pleasure to welcome you to Washington. We have asked you to come because we need your help. Collectively you represent a variety of distinguished scientific and engineering talent. Among you are experts on propulsion, guidance systems, facilities and fabrication -- to name a few. As you get involved in the work planned, I think you will appreciate the need we have for your collective skills.

Since the close of World War II, the Soviet Union has focused its principal resources on building up its industrial capabilities and military strength. The Communists have given top priority to this endeavor, placing particular emphasis on research in the atomic energy and guided missiles fields. Their leaders have clearly announced their objective to move ahead of the United States as the world leader in science and industry. If they can make the countries of the world, particularly the uncommitted ones, believe their system is superior to that of the West, their objective of "creeping conquest" is given a "shot in the arm."

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**Our government is not unmindful of this Soviet ambition and its inherent threat to the free way of life. Accordingly, the Intelligence Community has been working aggressively to determine and report on Soviet scientific and economic accomplishments. For example, we have made studies projecting Soviet economic growth over the next 20 years. In doing so, we have assessed their weak spots and their strengths in terms of overall capabilities. This information is then used by our own policy makers in establishing the minimum levels required to offset the Soviet threat. But there are still many question marks that remain.**

**From the standpoint of national defense, the Soviet developments in the atomic energy, guided missiles, long-range aircraft, submarines, and biological warfare fields is of top priority. Intelligence, accordingly, has focused large resources on collecting information on Soviet activities in these fields. We have acquired from numerous sources considerable amounts of information. The data ranges from a single word-of-mouth report on a given**

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event to highly complicated technological information requiring the most sophisticated analytical expertise. It is in this latter range of data that we have called upon you to help us in our interpretations.

To set the stage, we intend to spend about one full day giving you a complete briefing on what we know about certain specific Soviet atomic energy and missile <sup>test</sup> sites. We will then become

even more



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Where we have not provided you with sufficient detail, our analysts stand ready to help you in any way possible.

The approach we are asking you to take can be compared to that of an analytical chemist. He is provided a substance and asked

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to determine the ingredients and identify the current significance and potential of the various chemical combinations. You, as scientists and engineers, are being asked to do essentially the same thing,

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The determinations you will make, will form

the basis on which decisions of grave importance to this country will be made.

Now, there is one point I want to make to you individually and collectively. The material you will be handling is extremely sensitive, mainly because we don't want anything to happen which will hinder us in getting more of it. Thus, it is highly classified. The form, or even the fact of its existence, is known to only a very limited few in this country, and then only on a strictly need-to-know basis. It is important that you accept the implicit security responsibility as a personal one. This means, among other things, that you must

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not ask questions or speculate with one another, or with others, about the manner in which the Intelligence to which you are to be exposed has been collected. This aspect does <sup>not</sup> ~~not~~ concern you. Just accept it as "Manna." Our job here, is the interpretation of the facts at hand. It is an important job. It is one which will take your full effort.

Now some of you may wonder what will happen to your findings. In the interest of objectivity, they <sup>will</sup> ~~may~~ be presented to other groups of specialists for review. <sup>then</sup> ~~Eventually~~, the report will be submitted to the Guided Missile Intelligence Committee. Through this structure, wherein the representatives of those agencies concerned with these matters are given full voice, the report will proceed forward through the Intelligence Advisory Committee to the National Security Council and the President.

We appreciate the contribution of your time and effort. We plan to keep you working very hard. I hope you do not tire easily for there is a lot to do in a very short time.

Thank you

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